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DUCK STAMP SALES SOAR TO NEW HIGH IN FISCAL YEAR 1952

All previous sales records for Federal "duck stamps" were shattered during the year ended June 30, 1952, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

A total of 2,167,767 stamps of the 1951-52 issue was sold to hunters of migratory waterfowl, conservationists, and philatelists, according to the final figures supplied to the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps.

The previous high was recorded in 1948-49 when 2,127,598 duck stamps were sold.

The 1951-52 total represents an increase of 264,123 over the 1950-51 figure of 1,903,644.

For the fourth straight year, California headed the list, with a sale of 173,136 stamps, an increase of 22,475 over the previous year.

Other high-ranking States were: Minnesota, 162,486; Texas, 157,510; Illinois, 114,836; Michigan, 111,651; Wisconsin, 108,429; Washington, 84,000; Kansas, 77,171; Nebraska, 75,562; Louisiana, 74,339; Missouri, 69,342; Oregon, 68,524; Arkansas, 64,892; Iowa, 62,169, and South Dakota, 59,125.

Many stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's philatelic agency in Washington, D. C., alone reported sales of 5,907 stamps during fiscal year 1952 of that year's issue.

Sold for \$2 at post offices, the proceeds from duck stamp sales help finance the Federal Government's waterfowl refuge and law enforcement programs. Every individual over 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face.

The sales of duck stamps for the 1951-52 season at post offices in the 48 States, Alaska, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., are listed below in the first column. For comparative purposes, the figures for the 1950-51 season appear in the second column.

	<u>1951-52</u>	<u>1950-51</u>
Alabama	12,836	10,290
Arizona	8,645	7,083
Arkansas	64,892	55,706
California	173,136	150,661
Colorado	33,495	30,336
Connecticut	5,972	6,012

	<u>1951-52</u>	<u>1950-51</u>
Delaware	5,122	4,564
Florida	20,007	19,652
Georgia	5,126	3,987
Idaho	40,124	38,405
Illinois	114,836	94,062
Indiana	36,983	29,386
Iowa	62,169	49,518
Kansas	77,171	63,410
Kentucky	13,328	8,102
Louisiana	74,339	71,834
Maine	10,606	10,024
Maryland	19,986	17,309
Massachusetts	18,803	17,253
Michigan	111,651	88,425
Minnesota	162,486	145,708
Mississippi	19,250	18,537
Missouri	69,342	51,811
Montana	34,686	31,175
Nebraska	75,562	65,809
Nevada	10,532	9,405
New Hampshire	3,349	3,224
New Jersey	20,499	17,780
New Mexico	8,577	8,293
New York	55,627	52,222
North Carolina	18,041	17,567
North Dakota	47,957	48,586
Ohio	37,561	33,435
Oklahoma	50,843	43,390
Oregon	68,524	64,239
Pennsylvania	40,636	38,496
Rhode Island	2,338	2,387
South Carolina	8,943	8,974
South Dakota	59,125	48,200
Tennessee	31,137	25,752
Texas	157,510	131,674
Utah	33,177	32,233
Vermont	3,453	3,467
Virginia	15,370	13,314
Washington	84,000	82,378
West Virginia	3,788	2,167
Wisconsin	108,429	103,981
Wyoming	12,125	10,046
Alaska	7,909	5,703
District of Columbia	1,650	1,333
Hawaii	15	27
Puerto Rico	192	170
Philatelic Agency (D.C.)	<u>5,907</u>	<u>6,142</u>
Total	2,167,767	1,903,644

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